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TOPIC Military Information from Schwerin

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SOURCE

1. Between 22 and 28 December 1953, the Fliegerhorst installation in Goerries was occupied by about 2,500 to 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black, blue-bordered black and black epaulets. Source determined that, in addition to other units, an engineer unit of 800 to 1,000 troops was definitely quartered in the Fliegerhorst. The engineer unit continually conducted training on the lake. Another 5 to 6 groups, each of 10 to 12 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, engaged in the construction of field fortifications and entrenching work during the period under review. Source noted unusually many officers in, and heavy traffic by sedans to and from, the Fliegerhorst. Motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the installation.
2. Between 22 and 28 December, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; and black-bordered black epaulets. Unusually many officers were observed. Source determined that, among other units, a signal unit was definitely stationed in the installation. About 60 to 80 troops were repeatedly seen receiving signal training in the barracks yard. The training included reeling and unreeling of telephone cables. About 6 to 8 trucks, each occupied by 8 to 10 soldiers including women soldiers, engaged in driving school practice.
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3. Prior to 21 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 95 percent of the windows were lighted after nightfall. At 1 p.m. on 16 December, an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received aiming practice on 4 x 37-mm AA guns and other troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in drill.
4. The Hindenburg Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. On 15 and 19 December, about 90 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk.
5. The Fritsch Kaserne appeared to be heavily occupied. On 15 and 19 December, about 90 percent of the windows were lighted. At 4:30 p.m. on 14 December, about 120 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and including some armed with submachine guns; and equipped with 6 heavy machine guns entered the installation.

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6. On the afternoon of 28 November, a column of 30 T-34 tanks and 35 trucks was seen near Sternbuchholz, proceeding toward Schwerin, with each 3 to 4 tanks followed by 1 to 2 trucks. [REDACTED] 25X1
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[REDACTED] The column subsequently entered Holtke Kaserne.¹

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Schwerin post. [REDACTED] However, the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps stationed in the Goerries Fliegerhorst numbers only about 300 to 400 troops. The 159th Gds Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is confirmed in Fritsch Kaserne. On 28 November, the 74th (iv ?) Tank SP Regt of the division probably returned to the Holtke Kaserne from an exercise.

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